

12/26/2021

## First Christian Reformed Church



**We welcome our guests** and hope that you will be blessed by worshiping the Lord together with us today. If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join us here at First CRC! You will find a guest card in your pew. Please fill one out and place it in the offering basket on the table on the way out, so we can reach out to you. If you would like further information about our church, please visit us at [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com) or call or email the church office at 920-324-2898. Pastor Greg Schuringa would be happy to connect with you after the service or during the week as well: [pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com](mailto:pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com).

**Large-print bulletins** and **children's bulletins** are available from an usher.

You can watch our services live on Facebook and later from our website as well as view the bulletin there. Website address is [www.waupuncrc.com](http://www.waupuncrc.com)

**Our Core Values:** We show Christ's love through continual learning and discipleship, compassionate fellowship, dynamic public worship, and impactful service and outreach.



**Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM**

**All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday**

**Phone: 920-324-2898    email: [waupuncrc@gmail.com](mailto:waupuncrc@gmail.com)**

**PO Box 32, Waupun**

9:30 AM Worship Service  
\* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: "How Great Our Joy!" R269:1-2, 4

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" R272

"Be Unto Your Name" "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Baptism of Jaycee Lou Mulder

\*Song of Dedication: "Jesus Loves Me" R185

Congregational Prayer

*Children ages 3-6 are dismissed for Children's Worship*

\*Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Message: "When the Lights Fade: An Education from Shepherds"

Profession of our Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

\*Song of Response: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" G170:1-4, 6

\*Benediction

\*Special Music/Closing Song: "King of Kings" by Anna Nunnenkamp  
(Congregation will join in on the chorus)

\*Postlude

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**Taking part in worship today:**

- Worship Leader and Sermon:  
Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Lois Mulder
- Violin: Aubryn DeJager
- Vocalists: Reegan Aylesworth,  
Aubryn DeJager, Rachel Hoffman
- Media Team: Pete Vander Werff,  
Gladys Montsma, Katie DeJager
- Coffee: Beth Schlieve

- Children's Worship: Pat Jonker,  
Megan Greenfield
- Nursery: Mackenzie Mulder,  
Kaytlin Smits, Elliana Mulder

**Missionary Letters**

J DeJager to Daryl Pfantz  
R De Maa to Neen  
P De Vries to Chaplain Pete\*

+Pray especially for this  
missionary family this week.

## Giving to First CRC

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please leave your donation in the basket on the table in the narthex. All loose cash offerings will go to the month's special offering (Gideons for December), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will go to the designated funds. On-line giving is also available, just go to our website and click on "Give" at the top of the page. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.

As of our most recent count, we have received \$75,000 of the \$100,000 total needed for the parsonage and sound system upgrade. The Council is so thankful for the church's response to this need and for your generosity towards this Special Offering as well as the generosity toward our day-to-day expenses all year. As we approach year's end, if you would like to give to this Special Offering yet, please indicate Building Fund Campaign on your gift and it will go to that Special Offering fund.

## Our Family

### December/January Birthdays

Carol Greenfield	26	Dave Venhuizen	29
Lucas Morgan	27	Brian Van Herwaarden	30
Harm Venhuizen	28	Lori Venhuizen	31
Keren Derksen	29	Jenny Morgan	Jan 1

### As you pray this week, please remember these people:

- Keren Derksen, in recovery from back surgery.
- Harold Greenfield, dealing with cancer.
- Brenda Merhalski, dealing with cancer.
- Wilma Navis, as she is unable to attend worship services.
- Larry Pluim, dealing with cancer.
- Laura Ten Pass, dealing with cancer.
- Sam Vander Galien, recovery from surgery.
- Nancy Wierenga, doing physical therapy for back pain.

We extend our sympathy to Hollie and Bruce Ganz and family. Bruce's father, Rob, passed away at home on Sunday evening.

We extend our sympathy to Marlyce Mulder. Her sister, Cynthia Roelofs, passed away on Thursday morning in Florida after a brief time in hospice care.

Pastor Greg Schuringa will be taking a week of vacation starting on Monday, December 27.

**Pat Loomans would like to thank** the congregation for their prayers, the Culvers gift card, and the carolers who sang to her.

**Thank you to the deacons** for card and Culvers gift card.

- Widows and Widowers and others

**Thank you to all of you who remembered** me before and after my surgery with cards, phone calls, visits, caroling, food (the sweets were really appreciated). The prayers were especially appreciated by myself and family. Special thanks to Pastor Greg and Elder Joe. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. I hope to be able to return to services very soon. Keren Derksen

### **Church News**

Wanda and I want to take a moment to thank the First Waupun CRC congregation for their prayers and support during this past year. Your generous support has been greatly appreciated. Even though COVID has prevented travel to SE Asia, we continue to be busy with the work of Word Partners. If this lockdown in SE Asia continues in 2022, I will begin traveling with other staff to parts of the world that are open to travel. Thanks again for your support, and a blessed Christmas to every one of you!

- In Christ; Pastor Ken & Wanda Van De Griend

### **Calendar**

**Today:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Worship Service

### **Next Week**

#### **Accompanist**

Cara Schmitt

#### **Livestream**

Jake Vander Werff

#### **Children's Worship**

You will be contacted

#### **PPT**

Lois Mulder

#### **Coffee Time**

Karen Aalsma

#### **Sound System**

Joe Bresser

#### **Nursery**

Hailey Buteyn, Lynnae Franken, Heidi Schaver

<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Deacon</u></b>
1	Joe Durant (2022)	Todd Schouten (2024)
2	Denny Vande Berg (2023)	
3	Keith Venhuizen (2022)	
4	George Aalsma (2024)	Brian Van Herwaarden (2022)
5	Dan Montsma (2022)	Eric Schaver (2022)
6	Steve Smits (2023)	Noah Mulder (2023)
7	Ben Homan (2023)	Pete Vander Werff (2023)
8	Ray Hofman (2024)	Tyler Ten Pass (2024)

## **Sermon Notes**